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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**Morning Meeting of 28 December 1964**

General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: Congo, South Vietnam, [redacted] and ROADWATCHER reports of Communist troop movements in Laos in mid-December.

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General Carter inquired about the status of retaliation for the Brink Hotel bombing. He noted CINCPAC's recommendation that retaliation be undertaken. It was pointed out that the Department took a negative view on this matter in a Christmas Day cable to the Embassy.

General Carter directed that a DDI memo be done and circulated on succession problems [redacted]

General Carter also directed that DDI prepare a fresh memorandum on the situation in [redacted] with a view to "lighting up some lights."

General Carter asked whether we had circulated the CIA memo about the [redacted] He was told that this had been given "working level" distribution.

Executive Director asked about the Filipino situation, including the attacks on Ambassador Blair.

[redacted] for DDS&T, reported that 1015-2 had been successfully (for the first time in CORONA operations) taken out of the zombie mode today. Because some of the advice appeared to conflict, General Carter asked for a memo on what precisely is involved in the zombie mode.

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[ ] reported that a GOLDENTREE mission is taking place today, and that we are waiting for weather as regards th [ ]

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Houston noted that Congressman Vinson appears to have returned to Georgia permanently. Whether to send a CIA delegation to visit the Representative in Georgia, or mail an award to him is something which will be taken up with DCI upon his return.

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Cline reported on a draft NSAM [ ]

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[ ] Before the Agency approves of this, General Carter asked Cline to pass a copy to [ ] to take up with DCI.

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General Carter asked that all officers keep ears to the ground and keep him posted about important meetings that might be called.

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